

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters; and

Whereas, Gustava Cooper-Baker, Principal of Sanford B. Ladd Elementary School in Kansas City, Missouri, is to be commended for the numerous contributions she has made to the African Centered Program and to the Kansas City School District; and

Whereas, Gustava Cooper-Baker has been active in the ACE Program for many years, during which time she has witnessed with pleasure a significant increase in MAP test scores; and

Whereas, Gustava Cooper-Baker was responsible for coordinating the J.S. Chick Elementary School Saturday Academy Leadership Program, the Title I After School Program, and the Before and After School Program, and initiating the J.S. Chick Elementary School Uniform Program, Grandparent's Day, School Store, and partnership with students from Northwest Missouri State University; and

Whereas, Gustava Cooper-Baker has also been instrumental in obtaining the Sanford B. Ladd School Oracle Grant for a Macintosh Computer Lab, and assisting in the planning of various professional development initiatives for J.S. Chick Elementary School, the Caring Communities Project, and the Home Visit Project; and

Whereas, a remarkable educator whose unwavering commitment to the education of children continues to serve as an inspiration to all those who know and love her, Gustava Cooper-Baker is exceedingly proud that Sanford B. Ladd Elementary School has been featured on the Nickelodeon Channel, the Fox Family Channel, the Kansas City Star, and K.C. Call:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Gustava Cooper-Baker at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gustava Cooper-Baker, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker